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TO : Deputy Director for Administration

DATE: 2 January 1951

FROM : Chief, Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Space

1. Relative to the acquisition of the buildings occupied by the Navy for its Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, inquiries have been made as to the possibility of obtaining the use of this space. Being under Navy control, permit for its use must be obtained from the Navy. The Public Buildings Service has nothing to do with it.

2. We contacted Mr. Henry Dement, Space Control Officer for the Department of National Defense, who advised that his Department had a total demand for one million square feet of space and therefore is unable to give up or to assign any existing space under the control of that Department. It should be pointed out that the Navy has previously been most cooperative, having already assigned to us the following buildings:

Building 11	-----	14,334	square feet
Building 13	-----	4,708	" "
Building 14	-----	7,509	" "
TOTAL		26,551	square feet

The following buildings were acquired by CIA for GPO use:

Building 7	-----	2,061	square feet
Building 9	-----	794	" "
TOTAL		2,855	square feet

3. Contact was made with the Department of State to determine if their recent effort to obtain the assignment of buildings from the Old Naval Hospital had met with any success. We were informed that every effort was made to accomplish this, including an appeal made by Mr. Acheson to General Marshall. The result of this appeal was negative.

4. We do not feel that the acquisition of this space can be accomplished on a working level and if anything can be done at all, it would have to be by agreement between General Smith and General Marshall.

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